Employment of casual workers by ONGC

831. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of casual workers employed directly by the ONGC in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Assam;

(b) the total number of casual workers employed through labour contractors in the above three States;

(c) at what rate casual workers employed directly by ONGC are paid wages in these States; and

(d) at what rate the casual workers employed by labour contractors are paid wages in the above three States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The total number of casual workers employed directly by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) in Gujarat is 08. There are 150 Seasonal Casual employees also in Gujarat engaged with Geophysical parties. No casual employee has been engaged by ONGC in Maharashtra and Assam.

(b) ONGC does not engage labour contractors for supply of casual workers. Contractors, who have been awarded contracts by following the laid down procedure for performance of various jobs or services by ONGC, engage their own personnel for performance of the contract. The number of contract workers varies from time to time depending upon job requirements, as assessed by the Contractors.

(c) The daily rate of wages fixed for casual employees directly employed by ONGC in all these States are currently as follows:

(i)	Unskilled	—	Rs. 250/-
(ii)	Semi-skilled	—	Rs. 275/-
(iii)	Skilled	—	Rs. 300/-

(d) ONGC awards service contracts for specific jobs to contractors after following due procedure. In such circumstances, the workers employed by the contractor are paid not less than the minimum wages prescribed by the Labour Commissioner concerned which vary from time to time and from State to State.

Use of bogus SC/ST certificate

832. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND
NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) bogus caste certificate cases in various Departments of the Ministry as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) the number of cases in which departmental proceedings have been started against the concerned employees from the above numbers;

(c) the number of cases for which the matter is pending before various Courts; and

(d) the action plan by the Ministry to finalize all the above cases and to fill up the vacancies by appropriate candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Schedules Tribes (ST)?